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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Canceled)

1 2. (Canceled)

1 3. (Canceled)

1 4. (Canceled)

1 5. (Canceled)

1 6. (Previously Presented) A method for performing
2 participant identification in a conference of a plurality of
3 participants, comprising the steps of:
4 performing a simple speech algorithm to detect a
5 change in an active participant among a set of the plurality of
6 participants using an endpoint telecommunication unit by the
7 endpoint telecommunication unit whereby the speech algorithm
8 only determines the change in the active participant and not the
9 identity of the active participant;
10 signaling the detected change to a system controller
11 that is providing overall control of a telecommunication
12 switching system which comprises the endpoint

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13 telecommunication unit and a conference unit by the endpoint
14 telecommunication unit by transmission of a message whereby
15 the conference unit is combining the audio information from the
16 plurality of participants;

17 transmitting another message by the system controller
18 to the conference unit by the system controller to inform the
19 conference unit of the detected change; and

20 determining in response to the other message the
21 identity of a new active participant of the set of the plurality of
22 participants by the conference unit performing voice recognition
23 to identify the new active participant in response to the signaled
24 change whereby the conference unit processes speech
25 information from only the endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 7. (Canceled)

1 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6
2 wherein the endpoint telecommunication unit is a
3 telecommunication terminal.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6
2 wherein the endpoint telecommunication unit is a remote switch
3 connecting a telecommunication terminal used by a subset of
4 the set of the plurality of participants to the conference unit.

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1 10. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the step
2 of detecting comprises determining a use of a speakerphone on
3 the endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 11. (Previously Presented) A system for providing a
2 conference, comprising:
3 a conference unit which is combining the audio
4 information from the plurality of participants of the conference;
5 a system controller that is providing overall control of a
6 telecommunication switching system which comprises the
7 conference unit and a plurality of endpoint telecommunication
8 units;
9 system controller establishing the conference for a set
10 of participants using a plurality of endpoint telecommunication
11 units;
12 one of the plurality of endpoint telecommunication
13 units providing service for a subset of the set of the plurality of
14 participants, performing a simple speech algorithm to detect a
15 change in a new active participant of the subset of the set of the
16 plurality of participants whereby the speech algorithm only
17 determines the change in the active participant and not the
18 identity of the active participant and signaling the change to the
19 system controller by transmission of a message;
20 system controller responsive to the signaled change to
21 request the conference unit identify the new active participant of
22 the subset of the set of the plurality of participants; and

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23 the conference unit identifying the new active
24 participant by performing voice recognition to identify the new
25 active participant and signaling the identity to the system
26 controller.

1 12. (Canceled)

1 13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11
2 wherein the one of the plurality of endpoint telecommunication
3 units is a telecommunication terminal.

1 14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11
2 wherein the one of the endpoint telecommunication units is a
3 remote switch connecting a telecommunication terminal used
4 by a subset of the set of the plurality of participants to the
5 conference unit.

1 15. (Canceled)

1 16. (Canceled)

1 17. (Canceled)

1 18. (Canceled)

1 19. (Canceled)

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1 20. (Canceled)

1 21. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable
2 medium comprising computer-executable instructions which,
3 when executed by a processor, perform the steps of:
4 performing a simple speech algorithm to detect a
5 change in an active participant among a set of the plurality of
6 participants using an endpoint telecommunication unit by the
7 endpoint telecommunication unit whereby the speech algorithm
8 only determines the change in the active participant and not the
9 identity of the active participant;
10 signaling the detected change to a system controller
11 that is providing overall control of a telecommunication
12 switching system which comprises the endpoint
13 telecommunication unit and a conference unit by the endpoint
14 telecommunication unit by transmission of a message whereby
15 the conference unit is combining the audio information from the
16 plurality of participants of the conference;
17 transmitting another message by the system controller
18 to the conference unit to inform the conference unit of the
19 detected change; and
20 determining in response to the other message the
21 identity of a new active participant of the set of the plurality of
22 participants by the conference unit performing voice recognition
23 to identify the new active participant in response to the signaled

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24 change whereby the conference unit processes speech
25 information from only the endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 22. (Canceled)

1 23. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable
2 medium of claim 21 wherein the endpoint telecommunication
3 unit is a telecommunication terminal.

1 24. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable
2 medium of claim 21 wherein the endpoint telecommunication
3 unit is a remote switch connecting a telecommunication
4 terminal used by the set of the plurality of participants to the
5 conference unit.

1 25. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable
2 medium of claim 21 wherein the endpoint telecommunication
3 unit is a speakerphone on the endpoint telecommunication unit.

Specification Amendments

There are no amendments to the specification.